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In the claims:

Please cancel claims 71 and 74.

Please amend claims 68-70, 72 and 73 as follows:

68. (Amended) A method for increasing energy reserves in the skin of a subject, comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of creatine, ~~creatine phosphate, creatine compound~~ or a salt thereof, such that the energy reserves in the skin of said subject is increased.

B1 69. (Amended) A method for sustaining energy production in the skin of a subject, comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of creatine, ~~creatine phosphate, creatine compound~~ or a salt thereof, such that energy production the skin of said subject is sustained.

70. (Amended) A method for modulating energy flow in the skin of a subject, comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of creatine, ~~creatine phosphate, creatine compound~~ or a salt thereof, such that the energy flow in the skin of said subject is modulated.

71. (Cancelled)

B2 72. (Amended) The method of claim ~~68-71~~, wherein said creatine salt is creatine monohydrate.

73. (Amended) The method of claim ~~68-71~~, wherein said creatine salt is creatine citrate.

74. (Cancelled)

75. (Previously Added) The method of any one of claims 68-70, further comprising co-administering to said subject an effective amount of a skin preserving agent.

B3 76. (Previously Added) The method of claim 75, wherein said skin preserving agent is an antioxidant.

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77. (Previously Added) The method of claim 76, wherein said antioxidant is CoQ₁₀ or vitamin E.

78. (Previously Added) The method of claim 76, wherein the skin preserving agent is an energy-enhancing agent.

79. (Previously Added) The method of claim 78, wherein said energy enhancing agent is selected from the group consisting of ATP, nicotinamide and pyruvate.

80. (Previously Added) The method of claim 75, wherein said skin preserving agent is a vitamin or a vitamin precursor.

81. (Previously Added) The method of claim 80, wherein said vitamin is selected from the group consisting of E, C, B5, B6, and B9.

82. (Previously Added) The method of any one of claims 68-70, further comprising the coadministration of a sunscreen or sunblock.

83. (Previously Added) The method of claim 82, wherein said sunscreen or sunblock is zinc oxide or titanium dioxide.

84. (Previously Added) The method of any one of claims 68-70, further comprising the coadministration of a pharmaceutical carrier suitable for topical administration.

85. (Previously Added) The method of any one of claims 68-70, wherein said subject is a human.

86. (Previously Added) The method of any one of claims 68-70, wherein said subject is suffering from a skin disorder.

87. (Previously Added) The method of claim 86, wherein said skin disorder is associated with free-radicals, aging, sun radiation, stress or fatigue.

88. (Previously Added) The method of claim 86, wherein said skin disorder is skin wrinkles.